



MARIN BONSAI CLUB

2022 October Newsletter

HALLOWEEN DINNER

SPOOKY TREE DECORATION CONTEST AND MINI SILENT AUCTION

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UPCOMING EVENTS



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Bob Shimon presents his Pygmy Cypress demonstration to the club in September. (Photo by Tung X. Dao)

The Marin Bonsai Club meets every First and Third Tuesday of each month at the Terra Linda Community Center Room 4 from 7-9:30 PM. (Note: Special schedule for August. There is no meeting on August 2 because of the August 6 sale.)

The next board meeting will be on Monday, September 12 at 7pm on Zoom.

COVER PHOTO

The Marin Bonsai Club Logo with bats. Bats sourced from a photo by Clément Falize on Unsplash.

COVID HEALTH STATEMENT

Masks are no longer required for fully vaccinated attendees. They are welcome for those who wish to wear them.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY TUNG X. DAO

It's October! The weather has been mild and probably will continue to be mild. Some of our trees are getting a second flush of growth in the fall. It's really a magical time for all of our trees.

There are many fun and educational events coming up with our club. We hope you can attend all of them. Here are the highlights for the next three events.

OCTOBER'S HALLOWEEN DINNER

First order of business: There's a switch up in the month of October. The **first Tuesday** meeting is an open workshop. The **third Tuesday** meeting is our Halloween Dinner, Spooky Halloween Tree Decoration Contest, and Mini Silent Auction. Try saying that three times fast!

This gives us all a chance to socialize, get to know one another, win some prizes, and get some bonsai gear while supporting the club. If you're wondering why our holiday dinner is not in December, it's we're expecting a lot of us to be on holiday then. It's also a lot easier logistically to host a more casual event in October at our usual meeting spot.

I heard that there are some wonderful prizes for the spookiest tree in the contest. A fancy award, some chocolate, some Jonas Dupuich gift cards, perhaps? You'll have to come and find out. **Please decorate your trees before the dinner.**

Dinner logistics is important. Please go to <https://bit.ly/marinbonsai-rsvp> to indicate what item(s) you're planning to bring. The last thing we want is a dinner consisting of 50 bars of chocolate.

For the Silent Auction, please print out the form included in this newsletter. Fill out everything except for the bids and fold on the dashed line. Place the auction sheet next to your item.

NOVEMBER ROOT OVER ROCK DEMONSTRATION

In the first November, we have Matt Walker joining us. He will be presenting a root over rock demonstration. There will be a raffle for the demo tree. Included in this raffle are the 2 weekend pass club-sponsored tickets to the Pacific Bonsai Expo on November 12 and 13.

Please feel free to bring some items that you would like to donate to this raffle to support the club! Also, a show and tell tree would be great. Hope to see you all at the Expo.

DECEMBER HOUSE TOUR

On the first Saturday of December will be our Club Member House Tour.

We are looking for club members who would like to share with the club their bonsai set up. There's so much to learn from each other's gardens. From how you water, where you keep your tools, what you keep handy as you work on your trees, your workspace, and so many things. If you're a beginner who wants some feedback and advice on how to improve your bonsai setup, this is a good opportunity for that, too! Don't be shy.

We are planning to have 3 hosts. Each host will show their gardens for about 45 minutes. Hosts are welcome to serve refreshments, and visitors are welcome to bring them as well. We will allot about 15 minutes to travel between each home. The total event will be about 3 hours on the Saturday, likely around lunchtime. We may even start early and end with lunch somewhere nearby.

If you are interested in hosting, please email me and we'll talk more details.

Besides this house tour, there will be no other meetings in December. 🌱



MARIN BONSAI CLUB

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*TOTAL TO CLUB 20% MIN.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

First Tuesday is an open workshop

Third Tuesday is our Halloween Dinner, Spooky Tree Decoration Contest, and Silent Auction. Bring some food, a decorated tree, and some auction items. Come in a costume!

NOVEMBER

Root-over-rock demonstration with Matt Walker on the first Tuesday. Demonstration tree to be raffled, along with the club tickets to the Pacific Bonsai Expo. Bring items for show and tell, as well as the raffle.

Open Workshop on the third Tuesday.

DECEMBER

Club Member House Tour on December 3. We are looking for volunteers to host and show their gardens to club members. There will be no other meetings in December.

JANUARY

Diane Matzen will be leading a repotting demonstration on the first Tuesday. The open workshop on the 3rd Tuesday in January will be repotting focused. \$15 dollars will be the fee for using club repotting materials for the night for as many trees as you can repot.

FEBRUARY

Matt Walker returns to demonstrate how to graft. The open workshop on the 3rd Tuesday in January will be repotting focused. \$15 dollars will be the fee for using club repotting materials for the night for as many trees as you can repot.

MARCH

Tung Dao will be leading a Build-Your-Own Wire Caddy workshop. Materials fee to be announced. 🌱

BGLM DOCENT VOLUNTEERS

BY DENNIS PLAUT (BGLM DOCENT CHAIR)

It's been a tradition for many, many years. Our Marin Club has donated to the Bonsai Garden at Lake Merritt (BGLM) providing docents for the 4th Saturday morning of the month. Once again we have stepped up for this commitment.

We need your help to do so. I do help out yearly as well as many others. You will have someone else with you from our club. Please join us for this wonderful experience.

Contact me for more info and to commit to a slot at deplaut@comcast.net or 415 457-3709. 🌱

Editor's Note: Dennis will be stepping down at the end of the year as Docent Chair after many years. Please give him a huge round of applause for helping out with this task. If you are interested in filling in this role, please let us know.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Got something you'd like to include in the newsletter? The deadline for submission is the 15th of each month. Please send any materials to Tung at tung@marinbonsai.org.

Show and Tell



A before (top) and after (bottom) of a cedar. Tree, display, and photo by Jay McDonald.

Submit your trees for show and tell! Please send your materials to tung@marinbonsai.org by the 15th of each month to be featured.



Bonsai Events

CHINO BONSAI CLUB 52ND ANNUAL EXHIBIT

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
OCTOBER 1 AND 2, 2022
9AM-5PM

261 S JUNIPERO SERRA DR
SAN GABRIEL, CA 91776

Bonsai Exhibit with Demos, Auction, Raffle and Sales

Free Admission • Bonsai Styling Demos • Sales • Auctions • Raffles • Reception • Vendor & Club Sales with a 5:30pm dinner reception Saturday evening.

More info: David Nguy 323-842-6188 or Jerry Garcia 909-270-7776

EAST BAY BONSAI SOCIETY'S ANNUAL SHOW

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
OCTOBER 1 AND 2, 2022
SATURDAY 10AM-5PM, SUNDAY 10AM-4PM

LAKEVIEW PARK GARDEN CENTER
666 BELLEVUE AVE
OAKLAND, CA 94610

The show features an impressive exhibit of quality bonsai as well as a demonstration by Andrew Robson, a deciduous artist in the American bonsai community and the President of the Bonsai Society of Portland, Oregon, the largest bonsai club in the United States.

There will also be a benefit drawing and a sale of bonsai and related materials. For information, visit eastbaybonsai.org.

MIDORI BONSAI CLUB SHOW

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 1, 2022
10AM-5PM

QUINLAN COMMUNITY CENTER
10185 N STELLING RD
CUPERTINO, CA 95014

The Midori Bonsai Club will be having our annual show this October at the Quinlan Community Center. We will have a beginner's workshop from 10-1pm, John "JT" Thompson doing a tree demonstration, and Dr. Bonsai who will answer all your bonsai related questions.

For more information, please contact Jack Christiansen at jackchristiansen@sbc-global.net

GSBF BONSAI RENDEZVOUS 2022

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
OCTOBER 8 & 9, 2022**

**HOTEL MISSION DE ORO
13070 S. HIGHWAY 33
SANTA NELLA, CA 95332**

Annual GSBF event held at Hotel Mission de Oro, 13070 S. Highway 33, Santa Nella, CA 95322. Free and open to the public. 30+ vendors from northern and southern California as well as several out of state vendors will be on hand both days.

Admission is free, donations are appreciated. Free demonstrations throughout the days. Bring-your-own bonsai work area. Mel Ikeda and his tomodachi group will demonstrate the art of creating bonsai amongst friends. Silent auctions of bonsai trees and related material will be held both days. Consignment silent auction sells opportunities are available. Rendezvous hotel room rate \$155 two-night minimum. For more information contact Rich Guillen at richguillen@att.net or (831) 348-5015.

YAMATO BONSAI KAI'S 51ST ANNUAL EXHIBIT

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
OCTOBER 22-23, 2022
10AM-5PM**

**32975 ALVARADO-NILES RD
UNION CITY, CA 94587**

Demonstrations on both days at 1:30 pm, featuring David Nguy on Saturday and Yamato Bonsai Kai Club demonstrator Howard Correa on Sunday.

Demonstration trees will be raffled off as grand prize each day. Exhibition of Bonsai trees, plant sales, and vendors. Free admission and free parking. For more info and updates find us on Facebook by searching "Yamato Bonsai Kai".

14TH ANNUAL FRESNO BONSAI SOCIETY YARD SALE

**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 05, 2022
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**945 CLOVIS AVE
CLOVIS, CA 93611**

Huge Silent Auction with trees from the Clark Bonsai Collection and from private collections.

Bonsai, Pre-Bonsai, Pots, Books, Bonsai Supplies all at Central Valley prices. Vendors are welcome. Contact Fresnobonsaisociety.com to get a table.

PACIFIC BONSAI EXPO

NOVEMBER 12-13, 2022

**THE BRIDGE YARD
OAKLAND, CA**

WWW.PACIFICBONSAIEXPO.COM

The Pacific Bonsai Expo is a juried exhibition featuring 70 outstanding bonsai displays and a selection of the community's top vendors. Jurors Bjorn Bjorholm, Ryan Neil, and William N. Valavanis will select the trees. The exhibitors are the judges. Your trees are the stars. It's an event not to be missed.

59TH BAIKOEN BONSAI KENKYUKAI WINTER SILHOUETTE SHOW AND SALE

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
JANUARY 21-22, 2023

TEMPLE CITY LIVE OAK PARK
COMMUNITY CENTER
LIVE OAK ROOM
10144 BOGUE ST.
TEMPLE CITY, CA 91780

59th Winter Silhouette Show and Sale, Temple City Live Oak Park Community Center, Live Oak Room, 10144 Bogue St. Temple City, CA 91780, 10am to 4:30pm. Sales and demonstration at 1pm on both days. Deciduous bonsai are featured from club members and invited guests. The Nagata-Komai award will be presented, and there will be a demonstrator at 1pm on both days. There will be a sales area with club and vendor plants, pots, tools and more. For more information, please visit baikoenbonsai.com or email Joe Galgoul, joegalgoul@yahoo.com.

SERGIO CUAN — GOLDEN ZOOM SERIES

MONDAY
JANUARY 23, 2023
6:30PM

ZOOM

GSBF Clubs will get the Zoom link to share with their membership for an evening with Sergio Cuan, an accomplished visual artist who graduated with a BFA in Art and Design from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY. His passion for painting and horticulture synthesize in his creation of bonsai as an art form. 🌳

Minutes 'n things

MBC 2022 SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Present: Tung, Diane, Dan, Marcia, Gwynessa

BOB SHIMON DEMO UPDATES

\$140 raffle sales
\$550 for bob
Marcia sent out.
dinner cost \$19.xx
Marcia sent out.

AUGUST SALES

Cash from sale is in the bank.
Everyone's been paid.
Bonsai Expo donations
What do we do with the one donation we got?
Let's go ahead and donate it to Bonsai expo. club will spend 200 to finish it off.
Tung will donate on behalf of the club. Marcia will reimburse.

PROGRAMMING

October

3rd Tuesday: Halloween dinner/spooky tree contest/silent auction. Costumes Come in costumes optional. Decorate it beforehand, display at the dinner. Ticket voting.

Silent auctions: Sheet, time limit. Send to Diane to decorate.

Food: Make a food list of who's bringing what. Google doc

Prizes: Print an award, gift certificate 25 dollars (Marcia), Jonas, Chocolate, 3 small boxes Marcia.

November

Matt walker

Root over Rock

Raffle for demo tree, donated by Matt

Diane will get a picture of root over rock.

Dinner beforehand.

Diane will call for address to send check before hand.

December

Do we want to meet twice?

Let's meet once and only for the member house tour.

Tung will let Debbie know about December.

Who wants to volunteer for the home garden tour?

Dan, Gwynessa, Tung are possibilities. Will continue to ask club about other volunteers.

Only the house tour. No meeting at TLCC in December.

Pot luck from visiting people.

Date: Dec 3

January

Diane's Repotting Demo

Charge/donation for use of soil material for repotting workshops



Required 15 bucks for whole night of soil and wire.
4th Saturday BGLM Club Garden tour, lunch?
Diane will reach out to Dennis?

February

Matt Walker Grafting

Matt sent Diane a picture of the tree.

Just a demonstration

Raffled tree., Diane will confirm.

3rd Tuesday: repotting

March

Tung's Build your own Bonsai wire caddy workshop

Tung will get back with est. materials costs.

April

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May

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June

Jay McDonald Show prep

Diane will reach out

July

Fair Time

MEMBERSHIP

Couple new joins.

Jonathan

Mina, Julius

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TREASURY

~9193(!)

SECRETARY

Just post the minutes as is.

BGLM Docent

Club event,

Dan got his monies for the club trident maple. 🍁



Above and Left: Bob Shimon presenting his Pygmy Cypress demonstration at the September meeting. (Photos by Tung X. Dao)

Membership Application and Renewals

NAME**DATE****I AM A**

- ☐ NEW MEMBER
☐ RETURNING MEMBER

PLEASE CHOOSE YOUR MEMBERSHIP

- ☐ SINGLE (\$45) ☐ HOUSEHOLD (\$65) ☐ STUDENT (\$25)

ADDRESS**CITY****STATE****ZIP****EMAIL**

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PHONE

- ☐ CELL ☐ HOME

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE CLUB?**HOW I CAN HELP THE CLUB****MONTHLY MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS**

- ☐ RAFFLE EVENTS
☐ WORKSHOPS
☐ PROGRAMS
☐ PUBLICITY
☐ BOARD MEMBER
☐ OTHER: _____

ANNUAL ACTIVITIES

- ☐ DOCENT AND OTHER SUPPORT AT BGLM
☐ SETUP/DOCENT MARIN COUNTY FAIR SHOW
☐ AUCTION COMMITTEE
☐ HOLIDAY PARTY

Each member of the club is encouraged to volunteer at monthly and yearly club activities. Please check at least two areas where you can contribute to the club. Thank you!

Make checks payable to **MARIN BONSAI CLUB**
Please send your check and application to
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ROSS, CA 94957-1461